

## **CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

### **LEGAL ANALYSIS OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCING ALTERNATIVES**

#### **General Obligation Bonds** (Lincoln Home Rule Charter – Article IX, Sections 39 to 43, inclusive)

Must be voted by residents

Supported by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the City

May be supplemented by other funding sources

#### **Highway Allocation Bonds** (Section 66-4,101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended)

No vote required

Supported by pledge of receipts from the Nebraska Highway Allocation Fund

May levy property taxes upon all the taxable property in the City (within any applicable charter, statutory or constitutional limitations) for the payment of such bonds

May be supplemented by other funding sources

#### **Sale Tax** (Sections 77-27,142 to 77-27,148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended)

No statutory authorization to issue bonds supported solely by sales tax

City currently imposes maximum allowable rate; increase would require approval of Legislature and vote of residents

May be used to support indebtedness for street improvement purposes if a permitted purpose when approved by voters

#### **New Sale Tax on Auto Sales** (No current statutory authorizing for imposing such a tax)

Would require approval of Legislature and vote of residents

#### **Existing Wheel Tax** (Section 18-1214, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended)

No statutory or City Charter authority to issue bonds supported solely by wheel tax

May be used on an annual basis to support indebtedness for street improvement purposes, but cannot be pledged

#### **New Wheel Tax** (see Existing Wheel Tax)

#### **City Income Tax** (No current statutory authorizing for imposing such a tax)

Would require approval of Legislature and vote of residents

#### **Occupation Fuel Tax** (Section 15-202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended)

No statutory or City Charter authority to issue bonds.

May be levied against public service property or corporations in such amounts as may be proper and necessary, in the judgment of the mayor and city council for revenue purposes. May based upon percentage of the gross receipts.

#### **Special Assessment Districts** (Home Rule Charter 8:3, *et seq.*, Section 15-701.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended)

May issue special assessment revolving fund bonds payable from special assessments, and supported by full faith and credit of the City